

WORK FOR LEGISLATORS.

MANY IMPORTANT BILLS TO BE DISCUSSED.

A List of the Leading Ones Scheduled For Prompt Hearing—An Original Address Which Highly Interested the Members of the House.

Hartford, March 25.—Before the legislature to-morrow many important bills have been scheduled for hearing by the committees. The judiciary leads off as usual and the following bills are expected to be explained:

Adjourned hearing on H. B. No. 603, concerning judge of probate in Chatham.

S. B. No. 9, relating to taxation of private corporations.

H. B. No. 376, amending section 3020 concerning mechanics' liens.

H. B. No. 375, concerning sale of personal property.

H. B. No. 372, in actions for damages upon default or demurrer or demurrer overruled, hearing in damages may be had to jury.

H. B. No. 374, concerning homes for dependent and neglected children.

H. B. 371, that judges of inferior courts must be attorneys.

H. B. No. 370, for attachment of liquor licenses.

H. B. No. 369, that constables in superior court shall receive same pay as jurymen.

H. B. No. 278, writs of attachment in excess of \$1,000 shall be signed by judges or clerk, after statement by plaintiff or attorney.

H. B. No. 277, concerning incumbencies in foreclosures.

H. B. No. 274, concerning indigent insane paupers.

H. B. No. 273, removing Plymouth from jurisdiction of Waterbury district court.

H. B. No. 270, amending section 3509, concerning tax list.

H. B. No. 268, for court house in Meriden.

H. B. No. 260, amending section 391, concerning petitions for alteration of city and borough boundaries.

H. B. No. 198, for reimbursement of towns by state for grade crossing paymaster.

H. B. No. 197, for publication of laws in Swedish language.

H. B. No. 196, concerning appeals from local assessments.

H. B. No. 361, concerning fraudulent concealment of property.

H. B. No. 361, amending section 1008, concerning actions of tort.

H. B. No. 360, regulating collection of unpaid taxes.

H. B. No. 359, conditional sales of personal property.

H. B. No. 377, that election of judges shall be by yeas and nays when demanded by one-fifth of either house present.

The committee on education are to have an adjourned hearing on H. B. No. 466, concerning town management of public schools.

For the committee on finance to hear on these bills: Concerning pensions H. B. No. 240, concerning assessment of taxes, H. B. No. 84, concerning exemptions by boards of relief.

The committee on humane institutions have the following bills before them: S. B. No. 119, concerning the instruction of the blind. Adjourned hearing on H. B. No. 528, for commitment of inebriates to Keesley Institute.

There will be an adjourned hearing on all the pending bills before the committee on temperance to-morrow at 2 p. m., at which time it is expected the liquor people will put in their case. The hearing will be in the hall of the house of representatives.

One of the most original speeches of the session was made in the house last Wednesday by Representative Robert H. Rowan of South Norwalk, who has represented his town in the assembly twice before. The speech is so good, it is reproduced in full. The pending bill was to authorize the city of Middletown to issue bonds. Following is the speech:

Mr. Speaker, I rise for information, and that is this: Is there any rule of the house compelling a member to arise and explain a bill?

Speaker—I know of no rule making it compulsory for a member to do so, but is a general custom; it facilitates business for a member to explain the bill.

Mr. Speaker, the reason I ask is this: The gentleman from Putnam, chairman on corporations, when a bill of his was before the house, said: "The bill is before you and explains itself." I thought if that was acceptable, it would be a good opportunity for me to get out of explaining my bill. For, Mr. Speaker, I am not accustomed to speaking in public, and when I get on the floor my legs weaken, my heart beats more rapidly.

Wadsworth of Suffield—Loudly.

Mr. Speaker, I am hardly able to stand on the floor now.

Some one suggested that the gentleman from Norwalk be allowed to sit while delivering his address. (Laughter.) Mr. Rowan continuing: If the gentleman can't hear me I would suggest that he be allowed to bring his chair down where I am. (Prolonged laughter.) Mr. Speaker, I am chairman on the part of the house of the finance committee; why I was put there I never knew, because I never knew anything about finance. Who does? I have heard outside that the committee on finance was the last one put together by the speaker. Every country has had some man, or men, who thought they were pre-eminently fitted to give the world a system of finance which would be a benefit to everybody, but before they could do so would feel, as Sir Isaac Newton did (who, I am told was grandfather to the member from New Haven) after spending his life at his favorite study, that he would only pick up a few pebbles along the shore. Mr. Speaker, it was left to Wilkins Micawber, one of the "heroes of Dickens' masterpiece," "David Copperfield," to give to the world the only safe system of finance the world has ever had. It was this: Receipts, £20, 6d.; expenditures, £19, 6d., on the road to fortune. Income, £16, 6d.; expenses, £20, 6d.; on the road to the poor house. Mr. Speaker, this house needs to keep Wilkins Micawber's system in mind, viz: Spend less than your income. Mr. Speaker, if I thought I could do as the committee on judiciary do in explaining their bills, I would get along all right. For I observe that one member explains while he gets exhausted, and then another takes hold. (Laughter.) The others are all Sunday school teachers, except the gentleman from East

Hartford (Roberts), who is a democrat. Gunn of Milford—Democrats and Sunday school teachers are synonymous. (Prolonged laughter.)

Speaker—The gentleman from Norwalk must remember that we have two or three pages of the calendar to go through with, and if he proceeds he must do so by the unanimous consent of the house.

Gunn of Milford—I move, Mr. Speaker, that the gentleman from Norwalk have all the time he wants, if he takes all day, for we are much better entertained by him than we would be by anything on the calendar. (Cries of "Go on!" "Go on!" from all over the house.)

Mr. Speaker, I observe that the law of compensation don't go in this house. I have been sitting here in this house for nearly three months like an old stouthead bottle, without compensation. Now, Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that those who do not speak should receive some compensation. I think before this session closes I shall move to have the rules changed so that when a bill is put upon its passage the member who doesn't talk shall have two votes as a compensation for his silence.

Mr. Keeler of Norwalk—I'll go in for that as it will shorten the session. (Laughter.)

Mr. Speaker, there is no man in the house who enjoys a good speech better than I. I presume, Mr. Speaker, that there is in this house fifty men who can get up and make a rattling speech, while there are two hundred of us who can't make one without great embarrassment. You see, Mr. Speaker, that those who are skilled in oratory have a great advantage over those who are not. Mr. Speaker, in the early part of the session, when the Hawaiian resolutions were before the house, I remember how delighted I was to hear the different speeches. I was enraptured; I could feel every hair of my head standing up in single file; I could feel every nerve in my body tingling with delight. (Laughter.) That night when I returned to my home I sat down and wept. My boy, a lad of twenty summers, said to me: "Dad, why do you weep?" I said: "Because I am mad. (Laughter.) I am mad because I was not born an orator." My boy said to me: "Dad, orators are not born; they are like machines; they are made." They are like a certain breed of dogs. Take this setter, for instance; he may have a natural instinct to set, but he will never set right until he is trained; and the pointer, he may have the same instinct, but he will never point the way you want him to unless he is trained. So with the orator; to orate properly he must go through a severe training. For instance, Demosthenes, the greatest orator that Athens ever had, was trained for years by the best tutors of the day before he attained perfection. It was said that Demosthenes' training was so severe that he went to the seashore, filled his mouth with pebbles so that he could keep his tongue in proper place. I think, Mr. Speaker, were you in a position to know you would find that when the gentlemen from Stratford and Milford were training for orators they, too, might be seen wending their way every day to the seashore for pebbles. (Immense laughter and applause.)

Gunn of Milford—I went more for a bath than I did to chew sand. (Applause.)

Yes, and the gentleman from Stratford may claim that he went to dig clams. Demosthenes as an orator was worth more to Greece than an army of twenty thousand men. By the power of his tongue he kept Philip of Macedonia, with his army, out of Greece for years. This was a case where the tongue was mightier than the sword. Mr. Speaker, the sad part of my speech is to come. You are undoubtedly aware that the great orators of Athens all died of violent deaths. (Except Plato, and he kept out of politics.) Socrates had for a wife one of the loveliest women who ever adorned the society of Greece or any other country. Socrates loved her as he loved his life. He was fearful that she might be called to climb the "golden stairs" before he did, and that he would be a pilgrim and stranger in the below. It preyed upon his mind to such extent that he went out and bought a cent's worth of hemlock, and made tea of it, drank it, and expired. Cleero committed suicide. Demosthenes was arrested and committed to jail. His arrest preyed upon his mind to such an extent, that he, too, hunted around for poison and found a quill full of the deadly stuff. He drank its contents and died. Mr. Speaker, I feel that some of our orators will meet with violent deaths. Gunn of Milford had been blown up by dynamite; that the gentleman from Stratford (Judson) has been sandbagged by a clam digger; that Cowell of Waterbury has been killed by his brother-in-law, for he stated on the floor of this house that he worked four days on a case, and only received ten dollars and paid his own expenses. Mr. Speaker, I move to lay the bill before us on the table till I can find where I am at.

The Speaker—It has been moved that the report of the committee be accepted and its recommendations adopted. All in favor of the motion say "Aye." (Great laughter.)

The bill, it is needless to say, went through with a rush.

EDUCATIONAL.

Will Have a Conference Thursday Night.

An important conference will take place on Thursday evening between the committees on special instruction of the board of education and a committee representing the New Haven Free Kindergarten association. This latter consists of Representative H. G. Newton, E. S. Bradley, Miss Pinney and Miss King. They will ask that the kindergarten conducted at Welcome hall by the association be recognized by the board of education as a training school for kindergarten teachers.

REPORTED ADVERSELY

And Alderman Moore Does Not Get a License.

The county commissioners yesterday decided adversely on the application of Alderman John H. Moore for a license to sell liquor at his saloon, corner of Hamilton and Summer streets. The application was bitterly opposed by the law and order league, and at the hearing on the matter their agents testified to buying liquor in Moore's place on Sundays last summer.

Why? I hear you have been a good deal confined lately. What was the cause of it? Wally—I didn't have \$10.—Life.

FAIR HAVEN.

Home From Norfolk, Va.—Music at the Second Church—A Beautiful Monument to the Late A. K. Brown—Personal—The Old Liberty Pole.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hemingway have returned from a visit with their son, William D. Hemingway, at Norfolk, Va. During their stay some very cold weather was experienced and the river in front of the city was frozen, so that people could cross from shore to shore.

There will be a change in the music at the Second church the coming year. Although the music committee has not completed its arrangements, there is some talk of doing away with the choir and have a precursor lead the congregational singing.

The Quintaplace orchestra has hired a room in Central hall building and set it up for holding rehearsals and general headquarters.

The heirs of the late Councilman A. K. Brown have erected a monument costing \$1,000 in the Fair Haven cemetery. Upon a base of Vermont marble is a life-size statue in white granite. The details of the statue were worked out from a photograph of Mr. Brown, and all the make-up of his G. A. R. uniform is excellently portrayed. It is an excellent specimen of monumental work.

The members of Dayton Hook and Ladder company are giving a dance at their rooms in the old Quintaplace building every Tuesday evening. There is a large attendance every evening.

Miss Hattie B. White of Montowese has gone to West Brookfield, Mass., to reside.

Lawrence O'Brien, contractor for the new Strong school building on Grand avenue, has forty teams carting the loam from the excavation for the new foundations. The material is being used in filling in back of the new docks of W. A. Warner & Co. and H. A. Stevens, and much of the sand is taken by the Adamant Plaster company. The contractor gets five cents per load, delivered, for the material.

Dr. C. B. Adams, who went to Florida for his health, is now at St. Augustine. He is some better than when he left home.

Clifford Baldwin, who has been very ill from the effects of hemorrhages of the lungs, is still very feeble.

E. E. Rowe is removing the furnaces from the old Strong school building and will store them until the board of education wants them for use in some other building.

Miss Floesie, daughter of Selectman Luzerne Ludington, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is convalescing.

E. B. Rowe has returned from Mount Pulaski, Ill., with eighteen horses. They are a fine lot of animals, and most of them will be disposed of in this vicinity.

The old liberty pole, which has stood for many years in front of the Grand avenue school building, was taken down Saturday by Contractor Lawrence O'Brien. The old liberty pole was put up in 1861 and it has become an object of interest to Fair Haveners. There is talk of having it erected on the plot in front of the Grand avenue Congregational church. For many years A. J. Crawford has taken a deep interest in the matter of the liberty pole and has cared for the flag, which was given by the city. He visited City Auditor Brown in reference to the matter of preserving the pole yesterday morning. He has also in his possession the box which was put at the base of the second pole that was erected. The original pole rotted and the base was sawed off and when the men at work there dug down to the bottom of the old pole, base they will find another box which will doubtless have some interesting contents.

A most enjoyable surprise and pound party was given Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lines of 56 Atwater street at Central hall, Fair Haven, on Thursday evening. Mr. Lines is very popular among his many friends and has been an invalid for years and Mrs. Lines is a most estimable lady noted for her amiability and charitable disposition. They received valuable gifts of various descriptions and a purse of money was presented by Mr. Leveritt Clark, with an eloquent and appropriate speech, after which Mrs. William Houston presented a beautiful bouquet of carnation pinks with the following verse of her own composing:

Dear Brother and Sister Lines,
We've met with you many times;
But never with such pure delight
As we greet you here to-night.

A few hours we hope to brighten
For you through your walk through life
And we would a little lighten
The cares of husband and of wife.

May many birthdays come to you,
Bringing friends, both near and true,
United by the golden bond
Formed by friendship's magic wand.

Though Father Time may whiten the hair,
And on the face write lines of care,
And e'en leave footprints of despair
On faces that were once so fair.

We know that we can always trace
On Sister Lines' blooming face
The love and charity ever there,
No matter what she has to bear.

When darkest clouds may o'er her hover,
May she be able to discover
The silver lining, though obscure,
But which to her is always sure.

May blessings fast on them descend,
And may they never want a friend,
And may they ever be as bright,
As fat and happy as to-night.

Brother and Sister Lines we do not wish Brother Lines' birthday to pass without presenting you a small floral offering. We present to you this bouquet of flowers that express by their beauty and fragrance the love and friendship they represent from your friends that have gathered here to wish you many happy returns of the day.

WEST HAVEN.

Oratorical Contest in Temperance Hall.

There will be an oratorical prize contest in Temperance hall, West Haven, Thursday evening, March 23, commencing at 7.30. The following are the names of speakers and topics: "Prohibition—An Appeal to the Common Sense," by W. F. Bader; "What Will History Say?" by Samuel Peterson; "Why Appeal to the Ballot?" by M. R. Kerr. All are students of Yale college. The public are invited.

HARTFORD BRIDGE CASE.

Interesting Argument in Bridgeport Yesterday.

Bridgeport, March 25.—Before Judge F. Hall in the superior court, civil side, this afternoon, Attorney George P. McLean appeared for State Comptroller Mead in the mandamus proceedings to compel the comptroller to audit bills and sign contracts in behalf of the state to pay the bills of the construction of a new bridge at East Hartford, as contracted for by the bridge commission of the state. The comptroller asks for the denial of the mandamus. One question at issue is whether, under the law of 1893 the bridge fell to the state instead of the five towns directly interested.

The bridge commissioners found it advisable to order a new bridge. The question now to be decided, it appears, is whether under the law of 1893, the state is compelled to construct a new bridge at an expense which, it is said, will amount to nearly \$374,000.

The commissioners on the bridge were George W. Fowler and Charles Roberts of Hartford. The latter sets forth that the bridge at East Hartford was old, dilapidated and unsafe, and after consulting counsel found the law imposed on them the duty of ordering a new bridge, and they therefore consulted skilled engineers and ordered the bridge at the cost stated. The commissioners set forth that they had represented the fact of the dangerous condition of the bridge over the Connecticut river to the secretary of war, Daniel Lamont, and the latter instructed the commissioners to have the dangerous obstruction removed. The court was also informed that the comptroller refused to audit the bills for the work performed.

Attorney McLean disputed the legality of the contract as stated. The defendant declared that the present bridge fills all requirements except for facilities for electric railroad lines. He declared that the general assembly has made no appropriation for the care and maintenance of this new bridge. Judge Henry B. Stoddard and State Attorney Eggleston appeared for the applicant. Judge Stoddard said there was no question of fact arising in the case which the counsel would like to discuss and that there was a question of law which he certainly would like to present to the court.

He declared that the comptroller asked to present the facts as to the present condition of the bridge. At a late hour, this afternoon, Attorney McLean was busy asking the court to have the privilege of calling in several skillful engineers to testify as to the present condition of the bridge.

WESTVILLE NEWS.

The Edgewoods All Alive for the Baseball Campaign—Social Events—Other Notes.

If there were as many baseball enthusiasts in the city to the block as there are in this end of the town New Haven could support a first-class team. The Edgewood managers had such success last season that they are preparing to give us something very fine this season. The grounds are to be put in first-class condition at once, and the season will be opened with two games with the Boston National League team on April 13, Fast day. The Edgewoods expect to make such a showing then for an amateur team as will guarantee great baseball sport for the entire season.

Miss Abbee of Barnett street entertained a number of her friends at her home last Friday evening, and anyone acquainted with Miss Abbee can vouch for their having had a good time. She also entertains the Misdemeanors Whist club this week, which has its regular meeting on Wednesday evening.

The King's Sons held their regular meeting this evening in their rooms in King's Sons hall.

The Rev. Mr. Howe gave a very instructive lecture on "Armenia" last Sunday evening in the Congregational church. He has also had lectures on "Japan" and "China" and promises more to follow. The chance to learn something about these very interesting countries should not be missed by anyone. Anyone having heard one of these lectures will recognize that Mr. Howe has given them a great deal of study.

Bishop Williams will administer the rite of confirmation to a class in St. James' church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The friends of Mr. William A. Pratt were very much surprised to hear of his approaching marriage, which is said to take place some time next month.

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